GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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UNANI DISPENSARIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of patients visiting CGHS Unani Dispensaries-Units in Delhi/New Delhi had decreased to a considerable extent during the last three years;

(b) if so, the average per day attendance of patients visited during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the purchase of poor quality/substandard medicines by Unani Medical Store Depot of CGHS is one of the main reasons for this;

(d) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve standard of medicine in Unani System of CGHS;

(e) whether the Government have any proposal to set up Unani System of medicines in Delhi; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) A marginal decline in the average daily attendance of patients in the CGHS Unani dispensary/Units has been noticed during the last 3 years.

(b) The average daily attendance of patients for the last 3 years in CGHS Unani dispensary/Units is given as under:-

	1998	1999	2000
1. Sarojini Nagar, dispensary	68 per day	64 per day	52 per day
2. South Avenue Unit	29 per day	30 per day	24 per day
3. Darya Ganj Unit	50 per day	46 per day	46 per day
4. Naraina Unit	36 per day	33 per day	27 per day

(c): The CGHS Unani Medical Store Depot at Delhi procures the available listed medicines from the Indian Medicines Pharmaceutica Corporation Limited (IMPCL) which is a Government UndertakingThe remaining items are purchased by entering into annual rate contract with the firms registered under CGHS.The medicine supplies are tested by the Inspection Committee comprising of experienced Unani Physicians who supervise and ensure purchase of good quality medicines.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

(e) &(f) One dispensary and 3 units under Unani system of medicine are already functioning under CGHS Delhi.

Requests for opening more Unani dispensaries/Units under CGHS are consideredepending upon demands from the beneficiaries and subject to justification and availability of resources.